partmental adjudication proceedings and also prosecuted in Courts of Law, in appropriate cases. They are also detained under the provisions of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 if considered necessary,

(b) and (c) The value of seizure* effected by the Customs authorities during the last three years, of important commodities, js given in the table below.

(Vaiue : Rs. in crores)

Commodities	1987	1938	1p89* (up to 31st July)
Gold	65.78	200.53	177.27
		10.56	26.84
Currency	8.73	13.18	5.48
Watches	11.02	3.27	1.41
		24.24	8.99
Synthetic fabrics	8.75	11.41	4.63

♦Figures arc provisional.

Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not feasible to estimate the extent of increase or decline in such activities at any given time.

Advance plan assistance for textile -mills in Maharashtra

3107. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAIAN- Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

£a) whether Maharashtra Government has asked for any advance plan assistance to run the closed textile mills in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Central Government had received a proposal from Maharashtra Government regarding Advance Plan assistance for the revival of Shreeniwas Mills, Bombay and Khandes Spinning and Weaving Mills Jalgaon, However, the same was not agreed to' as the units were found unviable.

Permission by RBI for opening bank branches at Loni, Uttar Pradesh

3108. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALA VIYA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of banks to which the Reserve Bank of India has given permission to open their branches in the residential area of Loni in Uttar Pradesh border during the current year and for the next year; and

(b) by when bank facility would be made available to the residents of the said areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE I DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the centre Loni is being served by a branch of State Bank of India and no bank has been allotted a licence for opening a branch in the residential

area of Loni during the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985—90.

Memorandum from Scindia Employees Union, Bombay

3109. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to jtate-

(a) whether Government received any memorandum from Scindia Employees Union, Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and what action has been, taken on .each of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Scindia Employees Union had submitted a Memorandum to the Government of India regarding the lockout in Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited.

(b) Scindia Steam Navigation Company limited is managed by its Board of Directors. SCICi has reported that the Management of the company has not found conditions appropriate for lifting the lock out.

Pension scheme for the officers of nationafised banks

3110. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: .

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of State Bank of India are entitled to pension scheme;

(b) if so, whether the officers of othei nationalsed banks are entitled to the same benefit; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AF FAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FIN-. ANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : -(a) Yes, Sir.

Cb) No, Sir.

(c) Service matters, including pensionary benefits for the bank officers, are decided on the basis of an understanding reached between the Indian Banks' Associatior representing the banks' managements/Government and the representative officers Associations. In the recently con-, eluded understanding the bank officers have agreed to continue the G.P.F. and gratuity as their pensionary benefits.

Irregularities in State Bank of Indore branches in Calcutta

3111.SHRI ASHOK NATH VERM A: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the number of branches of State Bank of Indore in Calcutta;

(b) whether these branches had given the facilities of advances to some firms through letter of credit during 1987, 1988 and up to July 1989;

(c) if so, what are the branch wise and year-wise details thereof including amount involved therein;

(d) whether any irregularities came (o light in advances;

(e) whether these advances have been recoverd; if not, rasons thereof; and

(f) the action taken against guilty officers/employees in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of Indore have reported that at present three branches of their I bank are functioning in Calcutta.

(bj Yes. Sir.

(c) and (d) State Bank of Indore have reported that there are no outstandings against letters of credit (LCs) opened during 1987 and 1988. However, at two branches of Calcutta i.e. Brabourne Road and Cotton Street irregularities have been detected during the current half